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To: All Training Officers of the Agency

OTR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE READING COURSES AT HEADQUARTERS

1. The following Russian language reading courses have been scheduled by OTR, to be presented in the Headquarters Building. The classes are scheduled during the day and are held in the Library. A minimum of three students is required to convene a class.

a. Russian Familiarization #752 (24 hours total)
Duration: 8 February 1971 - 30 April 1971
Frequency: 2 hours per week
Goal: Familiarization with Russian

Students learn to transliterate from Russian to English according to the Board of Geographic Names system. They also learn a small amount of vocabulary and grammar.

b. Russian Grammar #753 (200 hours)
Duration: 8 February 1971 - 3 December 1971
Frequency: Monday through Friday (1 hour daily)
Goal: Slight reading proficiency

This course presents the fundamentals of Russian Grammar along with a limited general vocabulary. The objective is to give the student the grammatical tools which will enable him to read and understand, with the aid of a dictionary, Russian at the elementary level.

c. Russian Reading Level I #754 (200 hours)
Duration: 8 February 1971 - 3 December 1971
Frequency: Monday through Friday (1 hour daily)
Goal: Elementary reading proficiency

This course represents a continuation of the Russian Grammar Course, which is considered prerequisite to enrollment in the intermediate course. However, equivalent knowledge of Russian

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gained by other means usually will suffice for entrance to this course. Readings include history, literature, and economic geography.

d. Economic and Political Reading (Russian Reading Level II) #755 (100 hours)

Duration: 8 February 1971 - 25 June 1971

Frequency: Monday through Friday (1 hour daily)

Goal: Intermediate reading proficiency (with the aid of a dictionary)

This course is a continuation of both Russian Reading Level I as described in subparagraph c. above, and the Economic and Political Reading Course which began 8 September 1970. The readings consist of articles from current Soviet economic and political journals and newspapers.

e. Advanced Russian Reading #756 (60 hours)

Duration: 8 February 1971 - 25 June 1971

Frequency: 3 hours per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Goal: Intermediate (plus) reading proficiency (with the aid of a dictionary)

Students should have completed the equivalent of courses b., c., and d. described above. This course consists of reading and analyzing Russian texts from the grammatical standpoint and thus serves as a comprehensive review of grammar.

2. It has been estimated that two hours of outside study will be required for each hour of class participation in the five courses described above. Only those individuals who are able to maintain an excellent attendance record should apply for admission to these courses.

3. Personnel wishing to enroll in any of the above courses should submit Form 73, "Request for Internal Training," through the Training Officer to OTR/ISS/AIR by 22 January 1971.

4. Further information regarding the above courses may be obtained from the Chief, EE and Slavic Languages Department, OTR Language School [REDACTED]

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